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SUBJECT: MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT - ECUADOR, MAY 1974

1. FRANCISCO ADUM ADUM IS STILL IN CONFINEMENT. THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

2. TWO DEA AGENTS ASSIGNED TO GUAYAQUIL ARRIVED IN EARLY MAY AND TOOK UP THEIR DUTIES. THIS BRINGS TO FOUR THE NUMBER OF AGENTS ASSIGNED TO ECUADOR.

3. A SERIES OF PERSONNEL SHIFTS TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE POLICE IN MAY, RESULTING IN THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE NARCOTICS SERVICE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF TIMING PROBLEMS, THE OLD DIRECTOR WILL CONTINUE TO HEAD THE SERVICE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME FUNCTIONING IN HIS NEW ROLE AS DIRECTOR OF POLICE PERSONNEL. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE COMMANDER GENERAL TO ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY EIGHT OFFICERS AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR ADDITIONAL POLICEMEN TO WORK EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE NARCOTICS SERVICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NEWLY APPROVED TABLE OF POLICE ORGANIZATION. SINCE THE LACK OF OFFICERS HAS BEEN A
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MAJOR PROBLEM THE NEW ASSIGNMENTS ARE REGARDED AS AN

IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE NARCOTICS SERVICE.

4. EXPERIENCED NARCOTICS OFFICIALS FROM THE INTERPOL OFFICE IN GUAYAQUIL HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO OTHER POSTS. IF REPLACED BY OFFICIALS INEXPERIENCED IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD, THE ECUADOREAN EFFORT AGAINST NARCOTICS IN GUAYAQUIL WILL BE WEAKENED, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, UNTIL THEY GAIN EXPERIENCE.

5. ONE ENCOURAGING SIGN OF INCREASED GOE INTEREST IN NARCOTICS CONTROL IS THE PLACEMENT OF A SIGN IN THE ECUADOREAN CONSULATE IN IPIALES WARNING VISITORS TO ECUADOR THAT THE GOE IS ENGAGED IN A SERIOUS AND SEVERE PROGRAM OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT.
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